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**From:** Jorge Rodriguez <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** April 4, 2018 at 12:20:41 PM PDT  
**To:** Cory S Palka <[25060@lapd.online](mailto:25060@lapd.online)>  
**Subject:** Re: Unity Tour 2018 Instructions

No. Hope you enjoy it

Jorge R. Rodriguez

On Apr 4, 2018, at 12:15 PM, Cory S Palka <[25060@lapd.online](mailto:25060@lapd.online)> wrote:

Thx Jorge  
#grateful

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On Apr 4, 2018, at 2:06 PM, Jorge Rodriguez <[REDACTED]> wrote:

**Unity Tour 2018 Instructions**

**Bike Packing**

1. In order to ship your bike back East you need a Bike box. Your options are:

- A. Purchase your own - used from \$50-\$100
- B. Borrow one from SO Cal Put. We have about 13 available .

2. You may pack your own box or utilize the services of Todd Gottfried [REDACTED], who will break down your bike and professionally pack your box with all of your cycling gear. Additionally, he will assemble your bike in New Jersey, repack your bike box in DC and most

importantly rebuild, clean, relube, and inspect your bike before returning it to you. He will do all of this for \$200, which is well worth the time and money you will spend doing it yourself. TRUST US. IT IS WELL WORTH IT!!

3. If you are going to pack your box, please ensure that it is delivered ready to go, no later than Sunday, April 29, 5pm at US Tow (Newton Div). You will see your box again on May 8th for your availability and self build.

4. If you are going to utilize Todd's services, please ensure you contact him and make arrangements, which are two options.

Santa Clarita, or near vicinity riders, will have their boxes packed at Todd's house, but you will need to drop off your bike and gear at his home, **No later than April 22, 2018**. They will all be then transferred to US Tow on Saturday, April 28th.

If you do not want to travel to Santa Clarita, we will have a bike packing event on Saturday, April 28, starting at 9 am at US Tow. Todd will be there to take care of you.

When bringing your bike to Todd, please ensure that you bring all of your cycling gear and all other items that you will need during the ride, in a duffle bag, so that when he rebuilds your bike in New Jersey, he will place all of your items in the bag.

Please bring your payment on the day your box will be packed. If you decide not to use Todd to pack your box and plan on asking him for help, IT IS NOT FREE!!! He is very kind and generous so please do not abuse him.

### **Equipment to take**

#### Required

Unity Tour shirt, solid black or Unity tour Shorts or Bib. We recommend you have at least 4 sets. One for everyday and a spare one in case of accidents or soaking.

#### Optional

Rain Gear (almost guaranteed to be rained on)

rain jacket

Rain pants

waterproof gloves

Waterproof booties to cover your shoes

waterproof socks (some of us have them)

Suntan lotion

extra socks

arm warmers

cycling vest

under shirts ( I use Under Armour Compression fit)

lip balm

I pack all of my ridding gear in Gallon Size bags and separated for each day. Example in one bag (for day one) I pack an undershirt, bib, unity tour shirt, socks. I have four of these set ups. One for each day and an extra one. ALL MARKED.

Rain gear in one bag. ETC. Easier for Todd to stuff your box.

### **Bags for trip**

If you are doing any of the DC activities, you will need an Alpha Uniform with your cover. I utilized one suitcase just for this. In this suitcase, I packed:

1. Empty gun and magazines inside of a gun box (locked)
2. Ammunition inside of a cardboard box (how they come when issued)
3. My cover, inside of a Tupperware box
4. Uniform shoes
5. SAM Browne (No Mace)
6. Full uniform. (I carried my badge with me)
7. The change of clothes I was going to wear under my uniform. Skivies, undershirt and socks.
8. Recommend that you bring some sort of thermal undershirt if you are doing Candle Light Vigil as it may get very cold. This bag was checked in and never opened again until I arrived in DC. Make sure you Lock it as well

In your Day bag (will be shuttled from Hotel to Hotel and will not be seen during the ride). I carry on the plane.

Clothes you need for evening in New Jersey, Philly, Baltimore and DC. I usually bring:

Shower kit

underwear, socks, T-shirt's

Light jacket or sweat shirt

Wearing Jeans and tennis shoes already on plane

### **Departure from Airport**

Most of us are departing Early on May 8th. We will park our vehicles at Pacific Station and be shuttled over to the airport.

If you are going to join us, we will depart Pacific at 0430 on the 8th as the check in process can be lengthy if you are checking your bag with your weapon.

### **Arrival in New Jersey**

We are going to have a COA shuttle picking us up, so please contact Jose or I to make arrangements.

### **Bike Build day/ New Jersey Ride**

If you did not enlist Todd's services, your bike will be at a near by Warehouse where you can build it.

If you enlisted Todd's services, more than likely your bike will be ready to go when we arrive and all of the items you stuffed in the box will be inside of the duffle bag that you provided.

On the 9th, the New Jersey guys put on a beautiful ride around 40 miles or so. Its is beautiful and if you have never ridden around New Jersey, i highly recommend it. Just remember its an additional 40 miles.

### **Delivery of bags**

On May 10th, before we start riding, you will bring to the hotel lobby your DC bag and your Day Bag. You will not see your DC bag again until you arrive in DC, 3 days later. Your Day Bag, you will see again when we arrive at our next hotel destination.

We will have a COA van just for us on the ride, where you will keep your ride bag. A bag where you keep items you may need during the ride. This bag will be accessible to you at every stop (approximately every 20-25 miles).

### **Hotel check-ins**

Upon arrival at our destinations, there will be a group of volunteers who will provide you with your room keys. The Hotel has a designated area to keep our bikes as they can not be kept in your room with you after we leave New Jersey

### **Daily Dinners**

For most evening, we are on our own for dinners with the exception of May 9th and May 13th.

On May 9th, there is a mandatory safety brief where everyone has to attend. NO EXCEPTIONS. During the safety brief , there will be a pasta dinner provided, compliments of So Cal PUT.

On May 13th, we will go for a delicious BBQ dinner compliments of the COA. Please let Jon Peters or I know if you're attending. Your spouse or guest is welcomed to join us. Details to follow

### **Bike Packing in DC**

Upon arrival in DC, we will be packing the bikes immediately after the ride and before dinner.

Again, if you packed your own bike, your bike box will be there waiting for you (probably at the Georgetown Marriott).

If you paid Todd, He will be there waiting for you. Bring everything that you want packed into your box, which always consists of all of your cycling gear. Remember, that whatever you pack in the box, you will not see for several days, as it is trucked back to California.

As soon as the bikes arrive we will make arrangements to deliver to Todd's house, who will put them back together and when you receive them, they will be as good as new. He will contact you when they are ready.

I know that this information piece is lengthy but for the new riders, i hope that it answered most of your question. As always, feel free to call me [REDACTED] if you have additional questions.

Thanks,

Jorge R. Rodriguez, Commander  
Assistant Commanding Officer  
Operations-Valley Bureau

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